

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 13, 2007 MINUTES

On Tuesday, November 13, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:15 a.m. with Commissioners Marilyn Ross, David Schulz, and Jim Hart present.

Marilyn Ross moved to approve the November 6, 2007, minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Marilee Tucker, Charity Fechter, Jim Jarvis, Roger Staley, Chris Mumme, Eli Thompson, Mike Waite, Karen Brown, and Lee Alt.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Cielo Property Lease: The Board discussed renewal of the lease for the Pankey House from Cielo Properties.

Ennis Shop Construction: The Board discussed bids that were received for cement work at the Ennis road shop. Jim Hart will contact the bidders for more specific information.

Morning Sun Ridge SIA and LOC: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, met with the Board to discuss the Morning Sun Ridge Subdivision. Marilee Tucker, Planning Office Clerk, was also present for this portion of the meeting. Per recommendation of the Planning Director, Jim Hart moved to approve the Subdivision Improvements Agreement and the Letter of Credit for Morning Sun Ridge Subdivision. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Staff Planner Position: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, met with the Board to discuss staff planner interviews. Marilee Tucker, Planning Office Clerk, was also present for this portion of the meeting. Per recommendation of the Planning Director following unanimous concurrence among Planning Board members present for the interviews, Marilyn Ross moved to offer the Planner II Position to Jim Jarvis of Virginia City. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Jim Jarvis was present later in the meeting to discuss salary. Marilyn Ross amended the previous motion to include setting Mr. Jarvis's salary at an hourly rate based on \$40,000 annually. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RID Assessment Placement: The Board discussed a telephone conference that was conducted regarding how to properly determine where to place Rural Improvement District assessments when subject properties are split into more lots or aggregated to make fewer lots. The telephone conference also included questions regarding adding additional property or lots to an existing Rural Improvement District and requiring new subdivisions getting benefit from an existing district to participate in that district. Mae Nan Ellingson of Dorsey and Whitney will write a summary of the conference and an opinion of the questions asked.

Clerk and Recorder's Road Map: The Board will advertise for a Research Analyst for the purpose of restoring and updating the road map and associated documents in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Maintenance 4-Wheeler: Roger Staley, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss selling the old Maintenance 4-Wheeler. The Board will advertise for sealed bids.

Generators: Roger Staley, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss options for a generator at the nursing home in Sheridan. Roger will make arrangements for Generator Maintenance Specialties to look at the Sheridan facility and make recommendations. Roger will also bring this issue up at the next Nursing Homes Board meeting.

Courthouse Maintenance: Roger Staley, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss general maintenance issues. Topics discussed were snow plowing, window washing, water problem at the Library, and maintenance issues at the Pankey House.

Risk Mitigation Contract Extension: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss the contract with Joe Husar for risk mitigation. The original contract will expire in March of 2008. Chris asked that an extension be granted until the last day of June, 2008, so contract renewal will be in concurrence with the County Fiscal Year. Marilyn Ross moved to amend the Madison County Risk Mitigation Coordinator Professional Service Contract with Joe Husar to end on June 30 to be in conjunction with the County Fiscal Year end. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Access to Public Land Road Issues: Eli Thompson met with the Board to discuss issues related to access to both public and private land from public or county roads. Eli asked that the County determine which roads are considered County roads and suggested that a committee be formed to research roads to determine which roads are County roads, which are considered Public roads, and which are private roads. Eli asked the Board to request an opinion from the County Attorney as to the definition of a County road. David Schulz asked that Eli put these requests in written form and submit them to the Board.

Public Discussion: Mike Waite of Representative Denny Rehberg's Office met with the Board to discuss topics of interest to Madison County. Topics discussed were public road and access issues, affordable housing, nursing homes appropriations, and the Forest Partnership Plan.

GIS/IT Assistant Position: Karen Brown, GIS/IT, met with the Board to discuss candidates interviewed for the assistant position in her office. Per recommendation of the GIS/IT Coordinator, Marilyn Ross moved to hire Johanna Lester for the Madison County Information Technology I position with a starting wage of \$14.33 per hour increasing to \$14.98, or 85 % of the department head wage, after 1040 hours. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

County Road Signage: Karen Brown, GIS/IT, met with the Board to discuss signage on County roads for the E911 purposes. The Board will ask that each road crew note which County roads currently do not have proper signs. Also discussed was the possibility of purchasing or leasing a machine to make County signs.

Speed Limits and Signage: Lee Alt, Montana Department of Transportation, met with the Board to discuss issues involving both speed limits and signage on State Highways in Madison County. Karen Brown, GIS/IT, was also present for this portion of the meeting. Lee reported that a Speed Zone Study had been completed in the McAllister to Troutdale area as requested by local residents and the recommendation was to make no change in the current status of the speed limits on that stretch of road; however there is the possibility of making it a no passing zone. Other areas of concern that were discussed were Ennis south towards West Yellowstone, Ennis north towards McAllister, Jefferson Island towards Cardwell, Harrison to Pony, and Nevada City to Virginia City. Lee stated that all areas discussed would be looked at by the Department of Transportation for signage and/or speed limits.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: November 27, 2007

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